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SUBJ: UNGA RESOLUTION: LOCAL PRESS REACTION

1. GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS FOCUSED EXTENSIVELY ON UNGA CYPRUS RESOLUTION OVER WEEKEND. MOST NEWSPAPERS, BUT PARTICULARLY THE LEFT, TRIED PUT BEST POSSIBLE GLOSS ON RESOLUTION AND ACTIVITIES OF NON-ALIGNED CAMP. PRO-MAKARIOS PHILELEFTHEROS, LYSSARIDES' RAG TA NEA, AND COMMUNIST NEI KERI HAILED GREEK CYPRIOT VICTORY, INTER ALIA ATTACKING U.S. REP'S STATEMENT DURING CYPRUS DEBATE.

2. SIGNIFICANTLY, ALITHIA (WHICH OFTEN EXPRESSES CLERIDES' VIEWS) AND KYPROS (INCREASINGLY DISTANT FROM ARCHBISHOP) FAILED JOIN IN GENERAL JUBILATION. ALITHIA CLAIMED RESOLUTION A LUKEWARM DOCUMENT WHICH IGNORES CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE AND MAKES NO MENTION OF TURKISH INVASION. NOTES THAT NO ONE - INCLUDING MOTHER GREECE - PREPARED TO GO BEYOND WORDS OF SUPPORT. CALLS UPON GREEK CYPRIOTS TO RECOGNIZE THAT THEY ARE NOW SUPPLIANTS IN NEGOTIATIONS. CONCLUDES NEGOTIATIONS REPRESENT ONLY MEANS

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OF EFFECTING PEACEFUL SOLUTION AND URGES GREEK CYPRIOTS RECOGNIZE

BITTER TRUTH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. EDITORIAL CAUSTICALLY REFERS TO THOSE SHOUTING PATRIOTIC SLOGANS FROM ABROAD WHICH WILL WIN BACK NO LAND FROM TURKS. (LATTER IS CLEAR REFERENCE TO ARCH-BISHOP'S REPEATED STRIDENT PROCLAMATIONS.)

3. TURK CYPRIOT PRESS, TAKING LEAD FROM ANKARA, EXPRESSES SATISFACTION THAT RESOLUTION DOES NOT PRECLUDE FEDERATION AND "CONTAINS POINTS" WHICH RECOGNIZE TURK AND TURK CYPRIOT RIGHTS. V.P. DENKTASH PUBLICLY CONGRATULATED TURK AND TURK CYPRIOT REPRESENTATIVES FOR ACHIEVING RESOLUTION CONFORMING TO POSITION ADVOCATED BY TURKISH COMMUNITY OVER PAST ELEVEN YEARS. DENKTASH CONCLUDED THAT REFERENCE TO TROOP WITHDRAWAL WOULD NOT EFFECT TURKISH POLICY SINCE THESE TROOPS WILL, IN ANY EVENT, BE PULLED OUT ONCE PEACE AND SECURITY ESTABLISHED.

4. COMMENT: FROM LOCAL VIEWPOINT, WE SEEM TO HAVE GOTTEN OVER UNGA DEBATE WITH MINIMUM DAMAGE AND SOME POSITIVE REPERCUSSIONS. REALIZATION THAT NON-ALIGNED AND COMMUNISTS UNWILLING DELIVER UNEQUIVOCAL SUPPORT, LET ALONE A SOLUTION, SHOULD FOCUS ATTENTION ON NEGOTIATING PROCESS.
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